

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete paragraph [0012].

Please replace paragraphs [0001] and [0010] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of the filing date of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/446,831, filed February 11, 2003, ~~pending~~.

[0010] FIG. 3 illustrates two ladder-like structures in a face-to-face relationship, whereby a precise tunnel may be formed by folding one ladder over the other along the hinge axis;